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STRATEGY

1. COUNSELOR NIMETZ' TRIP TO NICOSIA CONTINUED TO RECEIVE
MODEST GREEK MEDIA COVERAGE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 7 BASED ON REPORTING
FROM NICOSIA. HIS VARIOUS MEETINGS WITH GOC OFFICIALS AND
DENKTASH WERE NOTED WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS GIVEN TO THE
CONVERSATION HELD WITH TURKISH CYPRIOT LEADER DENKTASH AND
THE JOSTLING INCIDENTS THAT REPORTEDLY FOLLOWED IT.
BASICALLY, HOWEVER, AGAIN ON THE BASIS OF NICOSIA REPORTING,
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THE GREEK PRESS APPEARED TO RAISE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE PURPOSE
OF THE TRIP, FOLLOWING REPEATED STATEMENTS THAT NIMETZ HAD
BROUGHT NO NEW PROPOSALS AND HAD AN EXPLORATORY BRIEF ONLY.
(IN ADDITION, THE NIMETZ STORY WAS PREEMPTED BY REPORTS FROM
MOSCOW ON FOREIGN MINISTER RALLIS' VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.)

2. MOST PAPERS CARRIED DISPATCHES FROM NICOSIA CITING "WELL-

INFORMED CIRCLES CLOSE TO THE CYPRIOT GOVERNMENT" TO THE EFFECT THAT THE GOC WOULD TAKE THE ISSUE TO THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL AND POSSIBLY ASK FOR SANCTIONS ON TURKEY FOR ITS REFUSAL TO COMPLY WITH PAST UN RESOLUTIONS ON CYPRUS. IN ADDITION, THE SAME SOURCES PREDICTED THAT THE CYPRUS ISSUE WOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, PERHAPS IN NOVEMBER. THEY ADDED THAT THE TIMING OF THE APPEAL TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL WOULD DEPEND UPON THE CONSULTATIONS THAT PRESIDENT KYPRIANOU WILL HAVE AT THE UNITED NATIONS WITH MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL AT THE END OF SEPTEMBER.
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